

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. **(Previously amended)** Respiratory apparatus comprising a ventilation mask and a pressuring means for supplying breathable gasses, under pressure thereto, wherein a motor for the pressuring means is co-located therewith, and means for exhausting gases therefrom, characterised in that the pressuring means is provided substantially at the inlet of the mask.

2-4. **(Cancelled)**

5. **(Previously amended)** Apparatus according to claim 1, further comprising a portable power supply.

6. **(Original)** Apparatus according to claim 5, where the power supply is in the form of batteries.

7. **(Previously amended)** Apparatus according to claim 1 wherein the pressuring means is a centrifugal impeller blower.

8. **(Previously amended)** Apparatus according to claim 1, wherein both the inlet and exhaust ports of the pressuring means are communicable with the mask, in use.

9. **(Previously amended)** Apparatus according to claim 8, wherein the inlet and the outlet ports of a centrifugal fan are provided in the same face of the pump.

10. **(Previously amended)** Apparatus according to claim 1, further incorporating a valve to regulate air, or gas, pressure in the apparatus.

11. **(Original)** Apparatus according to claim 10, wherein the valve regulates air, or gas, pressure in a mask.

12. **(Original)** Apparatus according to claim 11, wherein the valve comprises two body portions separated by a rotatable valve plate

the first body portion interacting with the ventilation mask and defining a mask access chamber connecting both to the interior of the mask and the valve plate, and an exhaust chamber having an outlet to the atmosphere and connecting with the valve plate, but not the ventilation mask;

the valve plate locating over the first valve body portion and having openings to provide communication between chambers of the first valve body portion and the second valve body portion;

the second valve body portion comprising at least two chambers, one of which is enclosed and corresponds to the pressurised air, or gas, and the other serving as a conduit for exhaust air, both chambers being located so as to communicate with the chamber in the first body portion communicating with the mask, as determined by positioning of the valve plate.

13. **(Original)** Apparatus according to claim 12, wherein the valve has three possible settings to provide the patient with positive pressure, negative pressure or atmospheric pressure, and wherein the second body portion of the valve comprises at least three chambers, an optional null chamber, or land, being provided opposite the atmospheric chamber, and wherein the atmospheric chamber exhausts directly to the atmosphere.

14. **(Currently amended)** Apparatus according to claim 10, wherein the inspiratory to expiratory time ratio is under the control of the apparatus.

15. **(Previously amended)** Apparatus according to claim 10, wherein the apparatus has the ability to operate at high frequency, up to 1000/minute cpm, or greater.

16. **(Previously amended)** Apparatus according to claim 1 which is a respirator or ventilator.

17. **(Previously amended)** Apparatus according to claim 1, wherein pressure generated by the apparatus is from a maximum of 25cmH₂O during inspiratory phase and from a maximum of -5cmH₂O, to below, at or above ambient pressure during expiratory phase.

18. **(Previously amended)** Apparatus according to claim 17, wherein pressure generated by the apparatus is 5-12 cm H₂O above ambient pressure.

19. **(Previously amended)** Apparatus according to claim 1, wherein the apparatus controls a breathing rate of a patient with whom the apparatus is contacted.

20-24. **(Cancelled)**

25. **(Previously amended)** Apparatus according to claim 1, wherein the apparatus further comprises a filter.

26. **(Previously amended)** Apparatus according to claim 1, wherein the apparatus comprises a means for reversibly securing the apparatus to the face or neck of a patient.

27. **(Previously amended)** Apparatus according to claim 1, wherein the apparatus comprises a supply or feed of oxygen or breathable gasses.

28. **(Previously amended)** Apparatus according to claim 1, wherein the apparatus comprises a means for reversibly securing the apparatus to the face or neck of the patient, thereby allowing the apparatus to be held in place and/or used in a substantially hands-free manner.

29. **(Previously amended)** Apparatus according to claim 1, wherein additional dead space added by the apparatus is 25-50ml, or less.

30. **(Original)** Apparatus according to claim 29, wherein the additional dead space is 5-10ml, or less.

31. **(Previously amended)** Apparatus according to claim 1, wherein the apparatus is biphasic.

32. **(Previously amended)** A method of ventilating a patient, comprising equipping the patient with apparatus of claim 1, and activating the pressuring means.

33. **(Previously amended)** A method of ventilating a patient in need thereof, comprising the use of an apparatus of claim 1.

34. **(Previously amended)** A valve as defined in claim 11.

35-38. **(Cancelled)**